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TAGS: EMIN, IT

SUBJECT: STOCKPILE SALES OF USG-OWNED COMMODITIES

REF: STATE 108787

1. DURING OCTOBER 9 CALL ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) RP USG COMMODITY DISPOSAL PROGRAM WITH EMBOFF. MFA REP SAID GOI DESIRES FURTHER INFO ON USG PLANS FOR SALES OF MERCURY AND FLURITE. EMBOFF PROMISED TO ASK WASHINGTON FOR LATEST INFO.

2. ACCORDING REFTTEL, CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY WAS REQUIRED BEFORE GSA COULD IMPLEMENT PROPOSED DISPOSAL RATES ON MERCURY FOR FY 73. REFTTEL DOES NOT MENTION FLUORITE. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE LATEST INFO ON DISPOSAL PLANS FOR MERCURY AND DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS WITH ITALIANS MENTIONED REFTTEL. DOES USG HAVE SALES PROGRAM FOR FLUORITE? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

3. GOI CONCERNED THAT SALES OF MERCURY BY USG MIGHT DEPRESS PRICES AND WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, FOR ITALY TO DISPOSE OF ITS CURRENT STOCKS OF MERCURY (EQUAL TO ABOUT 2 YEARS ITALIAN PRODUCTION OR 3,000 TONS). ITALIAN PRODUCERS ARE NOW OPERATING AT A SUBSTANTIAL LOSS.

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4. ITALIAN FLUORITE PRODUCTION IS CENTERED IN SARDINIA. ANY

ACTION WHICH MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT EMPLOYMENT IN THIS (UNDER-  
DEVELOPED) REGION IS POLITICALLY SENSITIVE TO GOI. BEAUDRY

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